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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



The Michigan Library Association's Who's Who for 1950 appears in this issue of the Librarian. It is gratifying to be able to list so fine a group and to have received such wholehearted response on committee appointments. An Association made up of such membership cooperation is sure to succeed. We have tried to make use of our newer and younger members, as well as many older and experienced ones. Geographic location has had consideration too. We believe this makes for healthy growth and representation in the organization.

By the time this issue reaches you the Council will have met, our program for this year will be underway. Some committees are already at work. If you have ideas you would like any of these groups to consider, feel free to send them along. It is your organization and should represent your thinking. It cannot represent you if you sit back and hope someone else will say what you are thinking.

Before the March issue reaches you the Legislature will have met in Special Session and the appropriation for State Aid have been discussed,—and settled, we hope. *Now* is an excellent time to talk with your Legislator, for now he isn't under pressure. You have been

telling him what State Aid has meant to you, we know, but this year let's be more specific. Let's be ready to show him just why this year's amount is being requested and what the adjustment would mean to you.

\$658,520 is being asked for State Aid to Public Libraries for 1950-51. This looks like quite an increase over last year's \$362,085, so let's analyze the situation. The 1949 dollar is worth about two thirds of the 1941 dollar, so \$203,672 more is needed to buy the same thing that could be purchased for \$362,085 in 1941. This would allow about .09 per person.

Moreover, the 1950 U.S. Census is expected to show an increase of 993,000 in Michigan. At about .09 per person, this would add \$92,763 to the request.

Adding these three amounts together,—the original \$362,085, the \$203,672 for the inflated dollar, and the \$92,763 for increased population, we arrive at \$658,520, the amount being requested.

Times have changed with money values and populations served getting farther and farther apart. State Aid has remained approximately the same since 1938 when it began. One of the librarians said at the annual meeting, "Let's get off dead center". It is up to each of us to see that we do. Our Boards and library users can speak effectively, so let's keep them informed.

The 1950 Conference will be August 31-September 2 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. Plan your vacation to include this. We think the earlier date will make possible a larger attendance, for all school librarians, all of our northern members, and most of the southern members can attend. Although rates will seem a little high at first glance, they include all meals—even banquets—so they run about the same as any hotel. A later issue will give general information. We'll be looking for you.

With our Executive Secretary on hand at the beginning of the year, we are off to a good start on membership. Perhaps we can break the record! It will help if one person in each library collects for the whole staff. Mrs. Wylie will try to meet with each committee at least once during the year. Be sure that she receives a copy of the reports of your Section and Committee meetings. We know you'll all enjoy working with "Peg" Wylie.

And so, because it's almost holiday time—The Seasons Greetings and a Very Good Year to you all.

Alta Parks
President

NOTICE—February 1 is the deadline for the March MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN.

WELCOME TO THE MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

by

Governor G. Mennen Williams*

You librarians are devoting your lives and careers to the fine and noble work of making books available to the people of America.

This is, indeed, one of the basic services of our civilization. The importance of books to our way of life is so elemental that we take it for granted. Books *are* to the spiritual and intellectual life of civilized man what fire is to his physical life. The discovery of printing ranks with the discovery of the uses of fire, as one of the basic advances of the human race.

Our whole modern society depends upon the printing of books. Savage man had no effective way to store, conserve and draw upon his collective knowledge. The experiences of a tribe were handed down from father to son, and hence were necessarily limited to the simple experiences of a few individuals. Books, even the earliest hand written scrolls of papyrus, changed all that. They made it possible for mankind—first at the national level, and then on a global scale, to store up, year after year and century after century, the accumulated experience of the whole human race.

Today, thanks to the books which have preserved the wisdom of the ages, a modern high school child has at his disposal realms of knowledge and information which far surpass the knowledge available to the wisest men of antiquity.

So I can honestly salute you, the librarians of our land, as servants of humanity who need take second place to none. You are the custodians of the most precious possession of the human race, its accumulated and written experience.

If libraries are essential to the very existence of our civilization they are doubly necessary to the life of our democratic society.

Democracy presumes information and intelligence on the part of the masses of the people. The democratic way of life is founded on faith in the wisdom of the people. This intellectual standard upon which the whole fabric of our society depends, can be achieved and protected by only one means: *every citizen* must be given free access to the accumulated wisdom of mankind. The closer we approach to a perfect transmission of this basic intellectual treasure to every member of our society, the nearer we come to the shining vision of universal peace and brotherhood which is democracy's goal.

This principle has been given striking support in the actions of democracy's enemies in every age and nation. To keep the people ignorant has always been the first objective of tyrants. The curse of Naziism made itself manifest by the burning of books. Communism does a better job. The lords of Moscow just rewrite the books, falsify history, distort human experience, and turn their libraries into depositories of calculated lies.

By contrast, our country as the *center*, the *champion* and the world's great *example* of democracy, has always demonstrated a keen awareness of the importance of books. The public library is a peculiarly American institution. It originated in this land and here it has attained its highest development.

In this, the American people have been thoroughly logical. Compulsory education laws require that every citizen be given a basic education, so that he may assume the responsibilities of citizenship in our democracy. But our forefathers knew, and we know, that unless this formal education is supplemented by some means for adult citizens to come constantly to the founts of knowledge, our educational system is only half effective—and that means our democracy is prejudiced. The public library furnishes this means—a means whereby the information necessary to civilized life is made constantly available to citizens of all ages.

The ends of democracy are not well served, however, unless the services of libraries are made available to *all* of our people. The exclusion of any section of our population from an opportunity to read, does violence to the common good.

In making our libraries available to every citizen, we certainly have a long way to go. I am told that an estimated 35,000,000 Americans have no access to a library. And I was amazed and disturbed to learn that this total includes some 700,000 citizens of Michigan.

* Governor Williams addressed the Second General Session of the Regional Conference, November 10 at 8:00 P.M.

This figure is much greater than it should be, in the light of Michigan's standing in other fields. It may be blamed, in part, on the fact that the population of this state is unevenly distributed, our great urban centers being concentrated in the southern part of our lower peninsula. The problems of extending library service to all of our people here in Michigan is just one of the problems which is made more acute by the unusual geography of this state.

I want you to know, however, that we do not consider this an adequate excuse and that we are moving to correct this situation as fast as we can. Our great Michigan State Library is doing a tremendous job of encouraging and inspiring the establishment of library service in the vast rural reaches of our northern counties.

I was glad to see a newspaper story recently, about one Michigan community far up in the north woods, which had announced itself all prepared for a hard winter. A casual reader of the headline might have supposed that this town was well stocked with coal, or some other vital winter supply. But no! They weren't referring to physical resources. They felt well prepared for winter because they had their supply of BOOKS. They had received their winter shipment of loaned volumes from the Michigan State Library.

The supplying of books to small town and rural libraries is just one of the many services performed for the people of Michigan by the state library, under the control of the Library Commission. One of the most spectacular efforts we have been making to bring books to all the people of Michigan is the bookmobile program. The state library commission informs me that twenty-four of these traveling public libraries are now in operation, mainly in rural areas. These bookmobiles make regular monthly rounds, giving the people of many isolated communities a library service which they could not otherwise get.

I was pleased to hear that this idea of traveling libraries has proven so successful that it is being adopted also in the cities. The State Library reports that traveling libraries are now in operation in Dearborn, Jackson, Grand Rapids and some other urban centers. They are proving just as successful in these cities as in the country districts.

Our state government conducts many other activities in a broad program of encouraging libraries. Through direct state financial aid, the public libraries of many smaller communities are able to give their people service which they could not, by themselves, provide. But I mention the bookmobiles particularly because that program is so eloquent of the determination of our people to *have* books, and of our communities and state government to *give* them books.

We in Michigan have long since abandoned the idea that a library is a place where you pile a lot of books on shelves and then sit and wait for somebody to come and read them. In our view, a library is an institution that actively promotes reading, takes books to the people, and *sells* its vital services to the people.

In thus attacking our library problem, we are acting in the authentic tradition of Michigan. Since the days when the birch bark canoes of the early explorers nosed their way along these shores, we have faced geographical problems. We are the only state in the union which is divided by a water barrier, the Straits of Mackinac. But we have historically accepted, and we are today accepting, these difficulties as challenges to the same mighty spirit which tamed this onetime wilderness and built our great industrial cities.

The fact that so much of our state is far distant from a large community will *not be permitted* to act as a barrier between our people and the books they want and need.

I know that you, from the other states of the middle west, are making similar attacks upon this problem, and developing similar answers to your special difficulties.

In all of your efforts to spread libraries to bring the treasures of the ages to every home in our land, the people of Michigan wish you Godspeed. In their name I salute you! We are proud and happy to have this important conference in our great city of Grand Rapids. We wish you all success in your deliberations, and we pledge you that in the noble cause you represent, *we will do our part*.

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE HIGH-LIGHTS

by
Ruth W. Gregory*

Registrations at the A.L.A. Midwest Regional Conference totaled 1,196.

Headliners among the general session speakers were Dorothy Thompson, Virginia Kirkus, and Catherine Drinker Bowen. Miss Thompson described, from personal observation, the effect of the Marshall Plan in Greece and the current situation in Germany. Virginia Kirkus gave an interesting talk on book reviewing based upon practical experience in the field. Catherine Drinker Bowen was the speaker at the last session and shared with her audience her approach to the art of writing biography.

The Public Library Inquiry was the subject of three general sessions, with Dr. Robert Leigh summarizing its findings.

A Personnel Clinic arranged by the Board of Personnel Administration dealt with the topic "Supervision; the Key to Good Personnel Management". The first session considered the role of the supervisor—duties, responsibilities, and qualifications; the second session was confined to selection and training; practical problems in supervision was the theme at the third session with particular emphasis on intra-mural communication and the handling of grievances. More than 150 individuals participated in these clinic sessions.

A series of four very successful meetings was held regarding the use of films in libraries, and practical ways and means of planning for joint cooperative film lending services. At a luncheon meeting presided over by Mr. John M. Cory, A.L.A. Executive Secretary, Mr. Quincy Mumford, Assistant Director, Cleveland Public Library, and Mr. Ralph Ulveling, Director of the Detroit Public Library, described the ways through which medium sized and smaller libraries might combine forces to establish film service. Mr. Mumford described the workings of the Northern Ohio film circuit, now in its second year, through which the Cleveland Public Library sends packages of thirty-four each month to ten participating libraries in the Northern Ohio area. These demonstrations got under way with the help of a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Mr. Ulveling described the present planning going forward under his leadership for contract film service in the greater Detroit area. He stressed the great importance of close cooperation among library units and envisaged future developments in many subject fields.

Thirty different hospitals in the five states were represented in the activities of the Hospital Libraries Division meetings on November 11 and 12. One session was a workshop which took up the topic "Organizing Public Library Service to Hospitals". The reasons for service which were stressed were as follows: extension of public library facilities to all tax payers; library responsibility for making service available to sick and well; the hospital provides vertical concentration of readers equivalent to horizontal concentration in neighborhoods and housing projects; the creation of good will by satisfying patients who use the service. All present contributed to the discussion on best approach to service, how the public library organizes to give service in typical libraries, organization within the hospital for that service, and publicity and promotion.

"The New Curriculum and the Small Library" was the topic for discussion at the Library Education Division joint meeting with the Association of American Library Schools. Mr. Gjelsness, University of Michigan, presided. Panel participants included Harold Lancour, University of Illinois; Jesse Shera, University of Chicago; Hastings Brubaker, Lawrence College; Martha Grey, Troy, Ohio, Public Library; and Eloise Rue, Chicago Teachers College.

Victor Reuther, Educational Director of UAW-CIO, addressed the joint meeting of the Adult Education Section of the Division of Public Libraries and the Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups. Mr. Reuther said, "Every community should establish an advisory committee between labor and library to find out how to approach the subject of the education of the laborer . . . Libraries should try to anticipate the direction in which trade unions are moving and collect information which can be used in future negotiations, bringing services

* Miss Gregory, who acted as Secretary of the Midwest Planning Committee, is Librarian of the Public Library, Waukegan, Illinois.

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SECTION MEETINGS

ADULT EDUCATION SECTION

The Adult Education Section of the Michigan Library Association met in the Civic Auditorium at Grand Rapids on November 8, 1949, with John G. Lorenz, Chairman, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the *Michigan Librarian* for December 1948.

The chairman introduced Otto Yntema, Kalamazoo, the incoming chairman. The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Dorothy Rozek, Chairman. The slate was Kenneth C. Knight, Lansing, Vice-Chairman, and Chairman-Elect; William Quinly, Grand Rapids, Secretary. There being no nominations from the floor Catherine Wilson moved, and Alma Huggins seconded, a motion to instruct the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate.

Discussion followed concerning the wishes of the membership for a continuing program of the Section throughout the year. An extensive program did not seem feasible, but a recommendation was made that the incoming chairman attend the meetings of the Michigan Adult Education Council.

Mr. Lorenz reported that a sub-committee of A.L.A. had prepared a brief pamphlet outlining adult education activities possible in any library. A.L.A. has done nothing toward publishing it, and the meeting requested the chairman to urge the Adult Education Section of A.L.A. either to arrange for publication or make it available for publication within the state.

An interesting and instructive program followed, in which the Reverend Wendell Pasco of Grand Rapids reviewed Overstreet's *Mature Mind* and Mrs. Alfred Hewitt led a discussion based on the book. Mr. Yntema concluded the program by evaluating both review and discussion as educational experience and as useful techniques for the library.

—Eleanor A. Ferguson
Secretary-Treasurer, 1948/9

CATALOG SECTION

The Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers voted last May to have no meeting of its own this fall but to join with the other groups in attending the A.L.A. meetings at the Midwest Regional Conference. The elec-

tion of officers for 1949/50 was conducted by mail and the following persons have been elected:

<i>President</i>	Mrs. Frances J. Brewer Catalog Department Detroit Public Library
<i>Secretary-Treas.</i>	Constance Rinehart Catalog Department General Library University of Michigan Ann Arbor
<i>Director, 1949-52</i>	Mrs. Orcena Mahoney Catalog Department Wayne University Library Detroit

Directors having continuing terms are Mrs. Marjorie B. Michael, Lansing Public Library, 1947-50 and Mrs. Irene J. Wilcox, State Library, Lansing, 1948-51.

—Frieda A. Hinrichs
Secretary-Treasurer, 1948/9

COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

Thirty members of the College Libraries Section met on November 8 in the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids. Miss Phoebe Lumaree, of Western Michigan College, was elected Chairman of the group for the year 1950, and the group instructed her to appoint a committee to study the type of statistics to be presented for annual publication in the *Michigan Library News*. Miss Catherine O'Connell of Central Michigan College Library was elected Vice-Chairman to succeed Miss Lumaree in 1951.

Mr. Charles V. Park, Central Michigan College Library, reviewed Burchard's *Planning the University Library Building*. Mr. Park stressed the chapters on the librarian and the architect, flexible construction, lighting, and library materials.

Mr. Robert Williams, Periodicals Librarian, Michigan State College, read a short paper by Jackson E. Towne, Librarian at Michigan State College, giving the land grant college view of the book. Mr. Towne emphasized the difficulty the librarian has in controlling audio-visual material in such institutions.

Mr. Glenn Fitch, Librarian at Hillsdale College, showed blue prints of the new library to be constructed at Hillsdale during the coming year and told of personal experience and application of the problems and solutions presented in Mr. Park's review.

Following Mr. Fitch's report, the group discussed problems of building libraries and additions, and methods of reproduction on micro-film and microcard to conserve storage space.

—Merrill M. Jones, Chairman, 1948/9

COUNTY LIBRARIES SECTION

The County Libraries Section of the M.L.A. met Tuesday noon, November 8, 1949 for a luncheon and business meeting, at the Spanish Room, Rowe Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The county libraries were represented by sixteen librarians. Two members of the State Library were present. Senator John B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Martin were guests at the luncheon.

Ruth Warncke, as presiding officer, presented the contents of a letter received from Elizabeth Rogers, a student at Western Reserve University, requesting information for a research paper.

It was stated that Estelle Killinger and Kay Wilson had completed arrangements for a reserved table for the County Libraries Section at the All-Conference banquet on Wednesday evening, November 9. County Librarians of other states had been invited to sit with us.

Mrs. Mary Daume announced that she had copies of the form on which to submit our statistics to the State Library by January 30.

The secretary was requested to cast a ballot for the slate of new officers presented by the Nominating Committee. Those elected for the year 1950 are:

Chairman	Mrs. Mary Daume Monroe County Library
Vice-Chairman	Dorothy Hiatt Macomb County Library
Secretary	Maud Grill Jackson County Library

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

—Betty Lautner
Vice-Chairman, 1948/9

JUNIOR MEMBERS SECTION

At Grand Rapids on Tuesday morning, November 8, the Michigan Junior Members held their annual business meeting on the opening day of the Michigan Library Association's 58th Annual Conference. Tom Davis, last year's president, and Alice Eppink, last year's vice-president, both having left the state (he to take a position in Connecticut and she a position in Oregon) Ruth Hauser, chairman of the Detroit Juniors, was asked to preside. Doris Cairns, last year's secretary, did the

usual honors of the office. The main business of the meeting was the election of officers. The tellers announced that the voting had resulted in the election of the following:

President	Forrest H. Alter Detroit Public Library
Vice-President	Margaret Walters Grand Rapids Public Library
Secretary-Treas.	Esther Tracey Grand Rapids Public Library

Thursday afternoon of convention week, the Grand Rapids Juniors were hosts at a reception in the Blue Lounge of the Civic Auditorium given for Junior Members attending the A.L.A. Midwest Regional Conference. It was an excellent opportunity to meet Juniors from other sections of Michigan and from our sister states. After the reception, 31 of us had dinner together in a private dining room at the G & J Bar and Grill, a favorite restaurant of the Grand Rapids group. After dinner, Bill Quinly, chairman of the Grand Rapids Junior Librarians, took a group of us through the colorful Ryerson Library Building on a personally-conducted tour.

Friday morning, your president attended the meeting of the Junior Members Section of the Ohio Library Association and welcomed the group to Michigan.

Friday noon, the new Executive Board met and discussed suggested projects for the year. It was decided to investigate further the possibility of revising the *Directory of Michigan Librarians*, now about two years old, and, of course, out of date. The Board plans to conduct a membership campaign throughout the state, aimed especially at eligible librarians in rural areas and the smaller towns. Although most of these librarians are not situated where they can attend meetings of such Junior groups as those in Grand Rapids or Detroit, the Board feels that they might well like to become members of a state-wide organization despite the fact that their activities in the state group might be limited to attendance at the annual business meeting and the spring rally. Membership in the state group for such persons is only 25 cents a year. Finding the Michigan Junior's constitution very much out-of-date in view of current practices of the group, the Board decided to appoint a Constitution Revision Committee to draw up a new constitution to be submitted to the state membership. For matters of convenience in getting together to work on this project, and

since the final approval or rejection will be determined by all the members, wherever they may live, it was decided that the committee should consist of Detroit members. Making up the committee are:

Doris Detwiler, Chairman
 Penelope Bullock
 Ruth Hauser
 Forrest Alter, ex-officio

—Forrest Alter, President

REFERENCE SECTION

The Reference Section of the Michigan Library Association held a luncheon meeting, Tuesday, November 8, at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, during the joint M.L.A. and Regional A.L.A. Meeting. Margaret I. Smith, Chairman of the Reference Section, presided.

The high-light of the meeting was a talk by Miss Althea Warren, former Librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, now on the faculty of the School of Library Science at the University of Michigan. Miss Warren discussed "The Changing Aspects of Reference Services in Public Libraries," tracing the progress and variation of departmental development in libraries in relation to reference work.

A business meeting followed Miss Warren's talk. The minutes of the 1948 Meeting were read and approved. Miss Smith reported that the projected Spring Meeting had been cancelled because of plans for the greater fall meeting of M.L.A. in conjunction with the Regional A.L.A. Conference. She also reported on the withdrawal of the College Section from the plan for a Joint Committee with the Reference Section to explore cooperative effort between college, public and high school libraries. Miss Smith repeated last year's invitation to the group to meet in Ann Arbor.

The report of the Nominating Committee (Gail Curtis, Michigan State Library; Lucille Harwick, Lansing Public Library; Ada Berkey, Western Michigan College Library) was read by Miss Curtis, Chairman. It was moved and seconded that the report of the

Nominating Committee has accepted and a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of officers proposed. Motion passed. Officers for 1950 are:

<i>Chairman</i>	Mrs. Mildred (Kumer) Hulme Dearborn Public Library
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Florence Harnau Muskegon Public Library
<i>Secretary-Treas.</i>	Margaret Keefe Grand Rapids Public Library

—Alice L. Moore
 Secretary 1948/9

SCHOOL LIBRARY SECTION

At its annual business meeting on Wednesday, November 9, the School Library Section of the Michigan Library Association voted to adopt the report of the Joint Committee on Uniting School and Children's Library Sections of the M.L.A. and to thereby unite with the Children's section. A joint committee will rewrite the constitution and this will be voted upon at the 1950 annual meeting.

The annual reports of the committee chairman were read and placed on file. Miss Leona Hough, Chairman, read her annual report and the work and activities of the section were reviewed. Two Teacher-Librarian Institutes were sponsored by this section during the past year.

A short discussion of projects for 1949-1950 followed. Miss Eugenia Schmitz was elected Secretary-Elect. The officers for 1949-1950 are as follows:

<i>Chairman</i>	Lucille Prange, Librarian East Grand Rapids Schools
<i>Secretary-Treas.</i>	Edna V. Ballard, Director of School Libraries, Lansing
<i>Secretary-Elect</i>	Eugenia Schmitz, Librarian Creston High School Grand Rapids

—Lucille Prange, Chairman

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Michigan Library Association was held November 11, 1949 at 10:00 A.M. in the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Miss LeFevre, who emphasized that it is the purpose of a business meeting to get an expression from the members to carry out their will in the Association.

First considered were the suggestions of the Legislative Committee. Does the Association wish to continue to support the program for state aid, implementing it by securing adequate financial support? Last year's publicity program was reviewed. Some felt the publicity articles submitted by Mrs. Peck were too general. The group favored carrying on our own publicity with proper assistance. By a show of hands the group gave unanimous support to the continuation of the State Aid program.

Last year with a view to government simplification it was suggested the work of the State Board for Libraries be taken over by the State Board of Education. This was opposed by State Board and the Michigan Library Association. For the time being we have the State Board for Libraries. The subject will probably come up again and librarians must be ready to explain the function of State Board and why it is necessary. Regardless of the trend for unification in government the membership expressed their feeling that the State Board was worth fighting for. A motion was made by Mr. Chait, seconded by Miss Summers, that the Michigan Library Association support the State Board to remain an organized body. Motion was carried.

Mrs. Dearing, President of the State Board, recommended the figure \$658,520 as the amount of money needed to implement the State Aid bill. This, as Mrs. Dearing explained, is based on the amount of state aid in 1939 corrected for inflation and again for increased population in the state.

A motion was made by Mr. Orr, seconded by Mr. Lorenz, that the Association favor the amount of \$658,520 for state aid to libraries to implement the State Aid Law. The motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

The Association was asked to consider the report of the Fourth Activities Committee so that our council members could act in line with the wishes of the state. It was suggested by Miss Ferguson that the matter be laid on

the table. After some discussion Mr. Chait made the motion, seconded by Miss Warncke, that we instruct our representatives on the A.L.A. Council to support the move for organization of State Chapters of A.L.A. Motion was carried.

Report of Elections Committee was given by Mr. Chait, Chairman. The following are the officers for 1949-50 who stood as their names were called:

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A.L.A. Council Member ----- Robert Orr

The president read a telegram of good wishes from Miss Rankin who was unable to attend.

Miss LeFevre turned over the presidential duties to Miss Parks, who spoke briefly.

—Lillian B. Anderson, Secretary, 1948/9

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THE STATE AND ITS PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

by

State Senator John B. Martin, Jr.*

As we look back over the last thirty years we can recall that there was a time when a library was a slightly dusty place where people went to draw books or to sit in a corner and read. The view of the people and of librarians themselves as to their function was a limited one and loosely connected with the idea that a library was a part of our general educational system. It was a passive view and demanded comparatively little of the librarian except that she know books and how to catalogue them.

During those years, we have undergone a tremendous expansion in our thinking about the job of the library and the librarian. We have, of course, seen a great geographical expansion of library locations until there are more than one hundred libraries in the State today, but it is of importance to remember that nearly a million citizens of Michigan still have absolutely no library service whatever and perhaps another million have no opportunity for adequate library assistance. We have experienced also a great expansion in physical equipment. Today, we have more books and more variety, but we have also, in the best equipped libraries, films, records, slides, maps and projectors. We have come to understand the enormous values of the visual aid in the educational process. In my own work I have found that a point can be made twice as easily to an audience with proper visual aid as than by oral explanation alone.

Moreover, we have expanded our concept of the function of a library. We look upon it now as an educational institution of a peculiar nature, perhaps, because there are no pupils in the usual sense, but we have come to understand that the job of the librarian is an active one and not a passive one, that needs to reach out to touch people in the groups in which they normally gather. Here in this community of Grand Rapids alone there are literally hundreds of organizations each with a program chairman who is desperate for good educational programs. These are the groups where people can be reached and a primary job of the librarian today is to carry service from a central source to the schools, groups and organizations of the community which need that service. I look upon the good librarian as a first-class salesman, who has a highly important job of selling the kind of service which the library provides. This means not only contacting a program chairman and offering this service, but making concrete helpful suggestions as to the kind of material and the kind of programs in which the library can assist and which will fit the purpose of the group contacted.

You may wonder what relation this has to the State's attitude towards the library as a public institution. The answer is really an obvious one. A legislator is beset on all sides by demands for financial assistance from the State and the only way in which he can be guided is by the interest which his community shows in these various demands. If a vital service is being provided in the community which meets a need of that community, your legislator will know it and he will know it not through what might be the self-serving statements of the librarian, but through his contact with the many groups which the librarian serves. This community need is best shown to the legislator by the existence in the local community of local financial support for any project. On this basis the recent revision of the State Aid Act provides that 70 percent of all State aid shall be distributed among libraries in communities which themselves raise 3/10 of a mill for library service. This is a sound basis for showing that the community thinks the library is an essential part of that community, and the job which you do as librarians in the areas which you serve will determine in the long run the attitude not only of the local community, but of your State legislators toward your problems.

The average legislator is inclined to feel that if a community wants a program badly enough to put its own money into the program, there is added justification for supplemental help by the State. We look upon this as a test of whether local initiative is pushing such a program. With such local support, the library is a going educational institution; without it, it would be just an additional appendage of the State Government.

The broad picture which I would like to paint is a library system where each library receives substantial local support as a result of the active service rendered to the community and the established need for that service apparent in the community. I should like to see every

* Senator Martin addressed the First General Session of M.L.A. on November 8 at 2:30 P.M.

library adequately supplied with books and every kind of visual aid and adequately staffed on a decent pay basis. Perhaps this is a kind of dream which can never be fully realized, but I am of the belief that it is not unattainable and that in a sense, the solution lies in your own hands. If you, on your part, do the job which ought to be done in making the library a focal point of your community life, I believe that the legislature will do its part in helping to assure the continuance of that program.

As of November 8, no library in the state had returned the form printed on page 17 in the October issue. Libraries were urged to use the form in reporting personnel changes so that the **Directory of Michigan Librarians** might be brought up to date. If you prefer not to mutilate your copy of the October **Michigan Librarian** send a list of changes on a letterhead from your library to Esther Tracey, Ryerson Library Building, Grand Rapids Public Library.

DETROIT JUNIOR LIBRARIANS

The Detroit Junior Librarians met on November 17 at the Mark Twain Branch of the Detroit Public Library. A film forum was led by Richard Marks, Information and Research Assistant of the City of Detroit Mayor's Interracial Committee, who spoke on action needs of the Detroit community with emphasis on the part librarians can play in programs aimed at better inter-group relations. The much-discussed film, "Picture in Your Mind," was shown. Mavis Nash of the Mark Twain Branch arranged for refresh-

ments which were served in the beautiful vaulted-ceiling reading room of what is one of DPL's showplaces.

The next meeting of the Detroit Junior Librarians will be a New Year's Eve party to be held at the home of Lillian Eross.

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THE RIGHT PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR REFERENCE SERVICE

by
Althea Warren*

Since the principles of business and government administration first hit the American public library in the youth of the 20th century, the way the workers in the building are grouped has come to be a subject of study, debate and theses. Every up-to-date report has a chart made of vertical lines and boxes labeled with the responsibilities assigned by the head librarian to the various levels of line and staff. Since the institute held by the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago in the summer of 1938 to consider current issues in library administration, several new and ingenious ideas have been proposed. The larger the population the more accurate, varied and thorough should be the reference service. The history of public libraries shows that answering questions has been from the beginning one of its foremost and highly respected purposes. What organization so far tried propels the institution forward at the fastest rate of right answers per minute?

The first structure was, of course, unicellular. Most libraries started in one room. As everyone who own a bookcase knows, nothing except Canada thistles can crowd space so quickly as books. When one room was spilling over the top, the librarian had to decide what to move into a basement or an attic and the complexities of departmentation (a dignified but baffling six syllables!) were upon him! It's quite a human and intelligent decision to move out the greatest nuisance first. Usually that means the very young or the very old. Therefore the children were sent up to the attic making a great deal of healthy noise on the stairs, and the disputatious old men who read the newspapers were sent to the basement which had been equipped with white enameled spittoons on rubber mats and those wooden chairs with curved, semi-circular backs which can be tipped nonchalantly against the wall while their occupants settle the fates of generals, kings and public officials in the news.

Next came the bifurcation of circulation and reference services into two large rooms when the library was forced to secure a bigger building. Newark opened its palatial doors in

1901 upon five departments where segregations were by age groups (children's room and newspaper room), or by functions, depending on whether the reader wanted to use books in the building or to take them home (reference and periodical reading rooms and the delivery hall). Perhaps other places followed the example of San Diego. Sex determined whether you turned to the right or the left on climbing the stairs to the second floor. There was a periodical room for men and one for women, each fully provided with *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Century*, *Harper's* and *Scribner's*. The only way to tell them apart was that the women's reading room held a potted palm.

Mr. Joseph Wheeler who is an advocate of subject departmentalization, thinks that the first experiment in placing both circulating and reference books on a subject together was made by Mr. William E. Foster, Librarian of the Providence Public Library in 1900. Based on the two foremost interests of his artistic-industrial community, he opened a fine arts room which was largely patronized by women and a science and technology collection for the dominant concerns of the men.

In analyzing the arrangement of the Reference Division of the New York Public Library at about this date, Mr. Keyes Metcalf observes that the grouping was determined rather by the materials handled than by their subject contents. The twelve components of the specialized reference services were:

1. The rare book room where protection and preservation were carefully accorded to each volume of a priceless heritage.
2. The manuscripts, a collection greatly differing from bound and printed books in both cataloging methods and storage.
3. Prints which also live under a law code of their own.
4. The Art Room with requirements for special oversized shelving, special indexes and filing of plates, designs and color charts.
5. Maps, a various, complicated crew with expensive metal cases, special binders, leaf-

* Miss Warren, a former President of the A.L.A. and for many years librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, and this year on the faculty of the

Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, addressed the Reference Section of M.L.A. at a luncheon meeting, November 8.

- panels, mounting and classified indexes.
6. The Music Room with its own form of honeycomb shelves, large pockets providing for parts by several instruments or for high or low voice, and with a cataloging of its own.
 - 7, 8 & 9. The language collections which require special printed alphabets, Jewish, Slavonic and Oriental.
 10. The newspapers, bulky and at present involving microfilm files and reading machines.
 11. Periodicals in both bound and unbound files and a battery of special indexes.
 12. The Economics Division, while it is a department by subject, presents the materials problem as well in its large proportion of documents and other pamphlets and the special tables needed for the big volumes of the financial services.

With the increasing demand for visual aids in reference work this division by materials is growing to be a prevalent sub-arrangement in any subject department.

Perhaps somewhat influenced by Mr. Foster's success in Providence, Dr. Bowerman in the District of Columbia Public Library opened seven years later a Useful Arts Department. Mr. Carl Vitz was its first head and can give pertinent and wise reminiscences of its growth and value. He was succeeded by Mr. Wheeler who enthusiastically developed the idea of all material on industry in one place including a huge collection of trade catalogs. It is dramatic to realize that the inoculation of this young man in Washington with the idea of specialized departments set the shape of two great library buildings in Los Angeles and Baltimore in the coming decade.

To the Cleveland Public Library belongs the honor of having designed the first large public library building entirely arranged by subject departments. When Mr. Brett in 1913 was obliged to move the central collections into temporary quarters in a large commercial loft without partitions, he decided to try the plan of grouping books by Dewey classification in alcoves with circulating and reference material together. He found that one of its great advantages was that it developed the staff into a corps of specialists. Instead of having to select books and answer questions from the whole realm of human knowledge, one person could study and to a certain extent conquer the field of philosophy

and religion. Another could concentrate on biography, travel, and history. A third could explore all the ramifications in the community for service to readers of foreign languages. It worked so well over the twelve years of trial that the new building was planned as an extension and perfection of this idea. Great study was given to the relation between departments and to the location of the most used sections on the first floor. To your right as you enter is the Popular Library where readers for recreation are supplied with circulating books in all classes and duplicate rental best sellers. Literature is next door followed by foreign languages. On the second floor are science and technology, sociology, history. On the third floor are the more specialized departments of fine arts and the Lewis Carroll Room for children and the Robert Louis Stevenson Room for Young People. There is a generous duplication of books when it seems necessary for good service. The Business Bureau has material which may also be in Science and Technology or in Sociology. The General Reference Room has books from all classes, some of which are duplicated in the subject departments. Mr. Brett's creed was that "the reader should be able to secure in one place all the literature on his subject".

The next to follow Cleveland's pattern was the Los Angeles Public Library. Mr. Everett R. Perry, its librarian, studied the new Cleveland building and had the advantage of Miss Eastman's experience and advice. His assistant librarian was Mr. Wheeler who had arranged the last rented location in Los Angeles on the departmental plan. The main difference between the Cleveland and Los Angeles buildings is that the latter has no general reference room. It is subject departmentation to the last ditch.

As the librarian of the Enoch Pratt Free Library Mr. Wheeler made several improvements which provided for growth and change. On the first floor partitions are practically eliminated so that one department may be slipped out and two others enlarged as varying conditions require expansion or contraction. Books in foreign languages are classed by subject in the appropriate departments. Education is with philosophy and religion so that Baltimore has two departments less than Los Angeles. Rochester follows Mr. Wheeler's model except that it has a separate department for biography. Toledo further reduces the number of its departments by placing the humanities with fine arts and music. The

smallest of the half-dozen of the subject department libraries, Worcester, is further condensed into four departments for adult services: (1) The Humanities; (2) The Popular Library; (3) Business, Science and Technology; (4) Social Science.

As to the arguments for and against a subject departmentation of material after a little more than twenty years of investigation, the chief virtues are: (1) that the reader is better served by having all material on a subject together and that the barriers between circulation, reference and advisory services are eliminated; (2) the librarians become close to experts in their subjects and, because many of their readers are influential in the same fields of interests, the library is able to get into closer relationship with groups in that field.

The arguments against it are: (1) the not inconsiderable one of greater expense in staff and stock; (2) limitation of the librarian's knowledge to one department; (3) a greater number of department heads who are harder to organize into a working cabinet of leaders than a smaller, higher paid group with closer affiliations.

As usual the final solution will probably be a compromise on partial departmentation. The Detroit Public Library is just completing a gradual evolution to subject divisions with two coordinators who function throughout the entire system, one for reference services and one for home reading services.

In *The Administration of the American Public Library* by the two McDiarmid brothers a new form of organization is proposed for the large and for the medium-sized public library. It is based on the type of services rather than the books used or the kinds of readers. The large public library would have four divisions of subject matter including both circulating and reference, each division being under a coordinator for the entire system. (1) Fact-finding and Information; (2) Education and Advisory Service; (3) Recreational Reading; (4) Research and Special Collections.

The middle-sized library would have a coordinator of adult services with three departments: (1) Information; (2) Recreation; (3) Education. The introduction of a coordinator is the vital modern suggestion in these simplifications aimed to lead the libraries out of that frantic scramble which Mr. Coney describes as "being so concerned with doing things that you never stop to consider what you are doing them for."

Mr. Peyton Hurt, a graduate of the University of California Library School whose brilliant career ended on the threshold of his forties, presented a proposal in the American Library Association *Bulletin* of July, 1935 for developing knowledge in the different members of a reference staff so that the librarians would be specialists without need for separating the books into departments. His plan for eleven steps for mastering the topics and authors in a subject field is as clear and practical a guide to follow in book selections as in reference.

The most recent plan of organization for a public library was devised by Miss Clara Herbert when she was preparing the blue prints for her new building in Washington, D. C. It has not yet been put to the actual test of time any more than the McDiarmid organization charts. It is in accord with the psychology of modern department stores, being based on the most important element in either the store or the library, the people who enter the doors. Besides a big general reference room, a children's room, a young people's room and special subject departments for the fine arts and the useful arts, there would be three great reading rooms of both circulating and reference materials on: (1) World Interests embracing the social sciences, history, maps, travel and biography; (2) Work Interests which in the District of Columbia would include specialized aids for civil service examinations, business, clerical and secretarial work, vocations and education; (3) Home Interests with helps on cooking, interior decoration, domestic architecture, gardening, parent education, and the crafts. The whole idea has tremendous appeal.

In closing here are two quotations. One brings the tang of the past with a reassurance that none of us ever needs to fear that our problems will be settled conclusively. Miss Beatrice Winters tells of a meeting at Laurel House at Kaaterskill Falls in 1888, "Not a formal A.L.A. convention, but 'a run together' of 14 men and 18 women. They discussed the use of libraries in answering prize questions *but failed to terminate the problems!*" The second is a rule not to follow, whatever organization you may decide upon for your reference services. "An austere and dignified atmosphere should be created so that the appeal of the library is limited to those to whom books and reading *mean something*". Even for the sake of efficiency don't let us become the *Snob Retreat*.

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Flushing Township Library Board Trustee 1935-44, and president 1937-44

Chairman of Citizens Committee working for Genesee County Library, 1942

Chairman of Genesee County Library Board, 1942-44

Treasurer of A.L.A. Trustees Section, 1942-44

In M.L.A. you were member of the Executive Board; Chairman of Trustees Section; Chairman of District 3, etc.

First trustee ever cited by M.L.A. for outstanding services to libraries, 1944

Godmother of the Flushing Township Library

Leader and benefactor of the Genesee County Library

Inspirer and financial backer of the Trustees Section of the M.L.A.

But these are the bare bones of your library interests. You were never one to go through motions or just fill positions. You were always a doer. Soon disillusioned was the person who misread your shy manner and self deprecating ways. You never gave up. You always went far along the road to get something done before asking anyone else to help you. You were good-will incarnate, selfless and everyone knew it. Therefore you carried people along with you. For if they were not always convinced absolutely at first they were willing to try your plans, because you had no personal ambitions or desire for place or prestige. Many, not certain at first, caught your spark and went on to be leaders. Recruiting and encouraging of others was always a mark of your presence.

Your interests went beyond libraries. You gathered great amounts of local history materials and donated them to the Flushing Library and to the Michigan Historical Collections. You did the marvelous and very exceptional thing of organizing and indexing what you collected. Thus what you gathered was not filed away unuseable. It is ready for immediate service. You completely remodeled the old Presbyterian Church into a fine community center for Flushing and included in the project the quarters for the Flushing Township Library—one of the outstanding small libraries in the United States. The Methodist Church in Flushing benefited from your interest and participation in its activities. Your contributions to the welfare of your community were many and varied.

Many of your acts of helpfulness are known only to the recipients, but scores testify to your thoughtfulness and generosity. You always took time for the little things that would help others. You never lost the human touch.

They told me, Heraclitus,

They told, thou wert dead,

*They brought me bitter news to hear
and bitter tears to shed.*

*I wept as I remembered, how often, thou and I,
Had tired the sun with talking and sent
him down the sky,*

*Still are thy pleasant voices, thy Nightingales
awake!*

*For death he taketh all away, but
them he cannot take.*

Miss Marion Packard was born in Flushing, Michigan, June 8, 1886; died in San Francisco, December 2, 1949.

NOTE: See Michigan Librarian for December 1944 and December 1948 for the record of gifts and interest in the Trustee Section of the M.L.A.

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and facilities to the local union halls as well as advising them what information the library has on such things as social security, health and pensions for the laborer”.

Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, A.L.A.'s Second Vice-President, presented the John Cotton Dana Award for outstanding publicity among large public libraries to Howard Samuelson of the Milwaukee Public Library and the award for excellent publicity among county libraries to Miss Clara M. Hart of the Cuyahoga County Library of Cleveland.

Miss Althea Warren announced at one of the general sessions that the University of Southern California is raising funds for a Helen E. Haines scholarship. Contributions are to be sent to Dr. Lewis Stieg, Librarian of the University of Southern California.

The Newbery-Caldecott dinner honored the Newbery Award winner, Marguerite Henry, and the Caldecott Award winners, Berta and Elmer Hader. Their acceptance speeches will appear in the December-January issue of the *Horn Book*. A special event which pleased the Children's and Young People's Librarians was a dinner at which Margaret Scoggin talked on her recent experiences in Germany, the work of the International Youth Library, and the plans of the UNESCO which concern the welfare of young people.

The Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career sponsored a breakfast meeting which was followed by progress reports on recruiting activities in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio.

At the last session of the conference the delegates voted overwhelmingly for regional meetings at three to four year intervals.

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LIBRARIES AND EXTENSION CLASSES

On November 7, 1949, the Monday preceding the Midwest Regional Conference, the County Libraries Section of the M.L.A. under the chairmanship of Miss Ruth Warncke sponsored a meeting at the Y. W. C. A. in Grand Rapids of the officials of the Extension Departments of the University of Michigan, Michigan State College, Michigan State Normal College, Central Michigan College, and Western Michigan College with the librarians of the county libraries of Menominee, Van Buren, Genesee, Monroe, Iosco, Jackson and Kent Counties and the librarian of the State Library.

The topic of discussion was cooperation between colleges and public libraries in the provision of materials for students in extension courses. Mr. Otto Yntema of Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo, opened the meeting by stating the topic and thereafter promoted an informal discussion in which all those present took part.

The various means of providing extension classes with books were described by the college people. The most frequently used means are:

1. Collections sent from college library to class via the teacher.
2. Collections sent from college library to local public library where a shelf is reserved (only U. of M. does this).
3. Requests of individual students answered by college libraries.
4. Suggestions made to instructors of extension classes to encourage students' use of local libraries, in order to acquaint students (particularly those who are local teachers) with materials they may wish to use later.

The librarians pointed out their problems, as follows:

1. Students wish to use their local libraries, and are frequently unaware

that books are available from any other source.

2. Teachers of extension courses are frequently unaware of the resources of the local library, and have no time or no motivation to visit the library to discuss the problem.
3. Students are often uninformed regarding bibliographies, confuse text books with supplementary materials, and are unaware that titles other than those on their lists are usable.
4. Bibliographies are sometimes out-of-date, contain out-of-print or rare titles, or have incomplete bibliographical information.
5. Bibliographies rarely come to the librarian far enough in advance to enable him to borrow or purchase the necessary material for courses to be given in his community.
6. Several courses using the same material are frequently meeting in the same area. This is a constant problem to the State Library which lends books to local libraries all over the state. Many libraries are not likely to have sufficient material for one course without borrowing from the State.
7. Periodical material on some of the lists is not available for circulation.

After prolonged discussion during which correspondence courses, courses meeting in areas with no library service, and frequently recurring and popular courses were discussed in regard to problems peculiar to them, certain general facts were stated as follows:

1. Libraries at their present level of support are not going to be able to supply all the necessary materials for extension classes even when the most apparent problems are solved.

2. Any student in an extension class has the privilege of requesting material from the library of the college giving the course.
3. Any library has the right to request materials on inter-library loan from the library of the college giving the course.
4. Extension courses are based on demand and curriculum requirements, and cannot be scheduled very far in advance of their meeting.
5. It is inevitable that the same course may be given by several institutions in the same area at the same time to meet curriculum requirements of several groups of students.
6. Material in periodicals may be reproduced by photostat or mimeograph for circulation to students without infringement of copyright laws.

Certain tentative solutions of the problems were offered:

1. The local librarian could visit the first meeting of each extension class given in the area of the library's service.
2. A central pool of books could be established from which a suitable collection could be sent to a local library whenever an extension course is offered.
3. A depository of materials could be established to make available to local libraries books and other materials too rarely used to be kept in the average collection.

Certain immediate steps toward the solution of the problems were planned:

1. Extension departments will
 - A. Notify instructors of the location of the libraries (city and county) in the area in which an extension course will be held.
 - B. Notify State Library and local libraries of the course and send them bibliographies.

- C. Encourage instructors to confer with local librarians
 1. To evaluate titles on bibliography in relation to immediate need and long term use.
 2. To evaluate related materials in the library on the bibliography in relation to students' use.
 3. To request evaluation of bibliographies and student use of library.

- D. Put libraries on mailing list for extension news bulletins.

2. Michigan State Library will

- A. Provide extension departments with lists of libraries in their area of service.
- B. Put extension departments on mailing list for *Michigan Library News* which, in the January issue, gives statistical information of public libraries.
- C. Serve as a clearing house of information on number and location of extension courses being offered in the state by all colleges.

3. Local librarians will

- A. Make full use of inter-library loan privileges.
- B. Provide lists of holdings in subject fields where such lists will be of reasonable length and of specific use to instructor.
- C. Buy such materials suggested by instructors as will be of continuing use to the community.

It was agreed that the County Libraries Section of the Michigan Library Association will call another meeting a year from now to evaluate progress and make future plans. This report of the meeting was prepared and sent by Miss Warncke to all participants and to such journals and bulletins of both groups as reach the people concerned in the problem.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations Committee of the Michigan Library Association under the chairmanship of Miss Clover Flanders of the University of Michigan Extension Library opened a campaign on Wednesday, October 5, 1949 to promote closer cooperation between men's and women's civic and service clubs and the community libraries of Michigan. The Association financed a luncheon at the Michigan State College Union in East Lansing which was attended by more than forty club representatives and library officials who had received special invitations.

A panel discussion by library leaders following the luncheon pointed out to club members the many facilities which libraries have to offer the clubs in their communities. Panel members included Miss Alta Parks, Ingham County Librarian; Miss Ruth Warncke, Kent County Librarian; Jesse Baird, a library trustee from West Branch; Miss Catherine Wilson, Muskegon County Librarian; William Chait, Librarian of the Kalamazoo Public Library; and Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, Michigan State Librarian.

One panel member urged club leaders to use library facilities and benefit from the tax dollars which support the libraries. Another said that in the field of program planning alone, it would be worth the while of all clubs to take advantage of library resources. She suggested that members should investigate the possibilities of organizing "workshops for club programs" with their local libraries. The services offered to business men by the Kalamazoo Public Library were described as bringing an enthusiastic response from the men of the community.

The club leaders took a lively part in the discussion following the presentation of the panel and it was felt by all those in attendance that much had been learned on both sides which would aid in future relations between

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local club leaders and the librarians of their communities.

Among those attending the luncheon were Mrs. Margaret Wylie, Executive Secretary of the M.L.A.; Mrs. Fannie Noonan of the Michigan State Library; Miss Kathryn Lohr and Mrs. R.H. Waterman of the Altrusa Club of Lansing; Mrs. L.D. Childs of the American Association of University Women, Lansing branch; Dorr Gunnell, State President of the Exchange Club; Miss Clara Snow of the Lansing Garden Federation; Mrs. Lyle Price, State President of the Michigan Child Study Association; C.L. Brody and Stanley M. Powell of the Michigan Farm Bureau; Walter F. Bierkamp, Program Chairman of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce; Guy W. Kirsch, Past District Governor of the Rotary Club; Vern Adams, President of the Rotary Club of Sturgis; Miss Louise Walker, Zonta representative; Mrs. Esther Loughin, Michigan Local and History Section of the State Library; and Miss Dena Babcock, Menominee County Librarian.

The members of the Public Relations Committee assisting Miss Flanders were Miss Eleanor Ferguson, Librarian of the Dearborn Public Library; Miss Marie Duesenberg of the Willard Library, Battle Creek; and Miss Dorothy Hansen of the Michigan State Library.

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We are proud to announce that Mrs. Loleta Dawson Fyan, State Librarian, Michigan State Library, Lansing, has been named by the 1949-50 Nominating Committee of A.L.A. as one of two candidates for the position of First Vice-President (President Elect). Her opposing candidate is Miss Nell Avery Unger, Librarian, Library Association of Portland, Portland, Oregon. Hurry up and pay your 1950 A.L.A. dues, so that you can be sure to vote.

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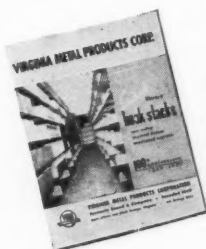
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